

Board Meeting Minutes

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Tuesday September 26th 2006
Lodi Public Library
201 West Locust Street
Lodi, Ca 95240

Board Members Present:

Gary Del Nero
Mary Dye
John Lundberg
Brad Putz
Anna Newman
Mollie Rogers
Jill Ames

Staff Present:

Kathy Barnes- Executive Director
George Lewis- Community Program Specialist II

Facilitators:

David Simerley
Karen Pekarick
Paula Short-Lund

Board Members Absent:

Fred Edmondson
Hanna Kassiss
Janine Lodato
Traci Trujillo
Deirdre Wright

Guests:

Dr. Gary Westcott, VMRC
Nicole Weiss, VMRC
Melinda Gonser, DDS/ Delta Regional Project

Call to Order and Introductions:

The meeting was called to order by Gary Del Nero, Chairperson, at 6:12 p.m. The Board members, staff and audience introduced themselves. The Board welcomed new Board members Mollie Rogers (Calaveras) and Jill Ames (Tuolumne).

Approval of Agenda and Minutes:

Previous minutes were tabled, due to lack of a quorum

Public Comment:

There was no public comment at this meeting.

Presentation:

Dr. Gary Wescott, Clinical Psychologist at VMRC gave an overview of the process and requirements for eligibility reviews and the challenges of individuals with behavioral issues. Dr. Wescott provides consultation to the service coordinator particularly involving forensic cases. VMRC also assesses competency in felony cases, if the person has a developmental disability. Legal Services teams also monitor every case of a consumer who is involved in the legal system, to ensure that their rights are protected, VMRC staff are adequately informed, and any needed services secured. Nicole Weiss, Adult Services manager gave an overview of housing services available to consumers with behavioral issues. Currently most of VMRC consumers still live in six bed board and care facilities but VMRC has also made good progress in developing 2 bed crisis facilities. The 2 bed crisis facilities are designed to service consumers in

behavioral and/or psychiatric crisis. Individuals with forensics issues could be served in that group. Melinda Gonser, from DDS/ Delta Regional Project described some activities of the program. The project is designed to assist people identified to leave the developmental centers. The primary functions of the project are transitioning, monitoring IPP implementation, behavioral consultation, community integration assessments and collaboration with other agencies such as regional centers.

Board Member Reports:

Brad Putz- noted the advocacy meetings and the September State Council meeting he had attended since the last Board meeting

Gary Del Nero – spoke of wanting to possibly participate in the upcoming disability awareness fairs. He also shared that the Soccer team he coaches won a gold medal during a Special Olympic competition.

Anna Newman- is scheduled to speak in San Andreas along with Brad on Friday. She will also be following up with the Board of Supervisors for Amador County in reference to the current bus situation.

John Lundberg- spoke of fundraising efforts to rebuild the boulder creek campsite for persons with developmental disabilities.

Jill Ames- is a new board member from Tuolumne County just retired from 6 years on the Self Advocacy Council Area 6. She is also very active with People First of California and the Thumbs Up program in Sonora.

Molly Rogers- is a new board member from Calaveras County, where she now receives day program services.

Kathy Barnes also reminded the Board of available VMRC Committee representative opportunities on the Resource Development and Nominating Committees.

State/Strategic Plans

Board members discussed the strategic plan goals and objectives and which area will be worked on first. Kathy and Gary will work on the board retreat. There was also a discussion on transportation issues across all five counties. In addition Kathy asked how early board members wanted board meeting packets before the board meeting. The decided ten days before the meeting would be sufficient.

Staff Report: Kathy reviewed the initial budget allocation.

Adjourn: The meeting ended at 8:30 pm.